

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:35 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Demming. Absent: Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips welcomed Alderman John Clark to his first work session. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave an update on the Roundabout repairs. The Mayor commented that he had recently met with the District Attorney and the Police Chief regarding synthetic drugs, noting the actions they were taking were the quickest way to shutting these businesses down. He pointed out there was no guarantee that they wouldn't reopen someplace else until the state passed the new laws. Chief Osborne stated he was thankful the way the community came together on this issue. City Manager Campbell provided an update on the winery at Meadowview, pointing out there were really two projects underway; one being the wine cellar room inside and the other being the temporary relocation of the golf maintenance building outside. He stated that although neither is where they should be, they are still making progress as we continue to look for cost-effective solutions. The Mayor pointed out that temporary building is indeed temporary, noting it will only be up until about July.
4. **UPDATE ON AQUATIC CENTER.** Mr. Frank Brewer provided an update on this project, noting it is still on budget, on schedule and of good quality. Mr. Brewer pointed out that weather was good for the month of February and they are making excellent progress, listing the items that had recently been completed.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MARCH 6, 2012 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify the Mayor's Signature in Signing All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Tennessee State Library and Archives Grant for the Kingsport Public Library Renovation/Expansion Project (AF: 62-2012). City Manager Campbell provided details on this item, noting this related to the

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expansion. He stated the maximum amount was \$100,000 and required no match. He pointed out this would allow the City to save money we were going to spend anyway. Mayor Phillips asked for the Library Commission to come before the Board and provide an update on this project and the City Manager stated the next scheduled meeting would be optimal.

VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Donation of a License to Use Real Property and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Lease of Property Located at 2309 East Center Street (AF: 69-2012). City Manager Campbell gave information on this item, noting it is the result of initiatives taken by Chief Osborne last week and recommended by City Attorney Billingsley. The Chief answered questions from Board members.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Settlement of a Lawsuit (AF: 58-2012). Assistant City Attorney Joe May provided information on this item, noting that the Tennessee Municipal League has recommended approving the settlement. He further stated there has been change in Tennessee law that should prevent this situation from happening again. Mayor Phillips commented that we should take the sure thing and move on.

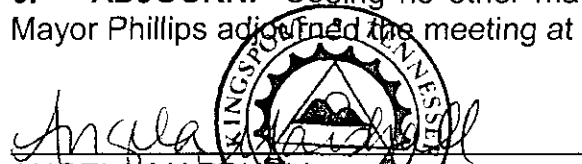
VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Rejection of All Bids Submitted for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project for Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools (AF: 70-2012). City Manager Campbell gave details on this item, stating the bids were extremely high. He further noted the City could perform the work for less. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds and Assistant Public Works Director Michael Thompson provided further details and answered questions from the Board. Some discussion followed and Mr. Campbell pointed out that more miles could be completed if there was one crew totally dedicated to these projects. Mr. McReynolds stated that he would put together a presentation to present to the Board on this issue.

VI.E.1 Consideration of an Appointment to the Sidewalk Committee Board (AF: 26-2012). Mayor Phillips requested this agenda item was pulled.

BOARD COMMENT. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Barbara Brown commented on the synthetic drug issue.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor